

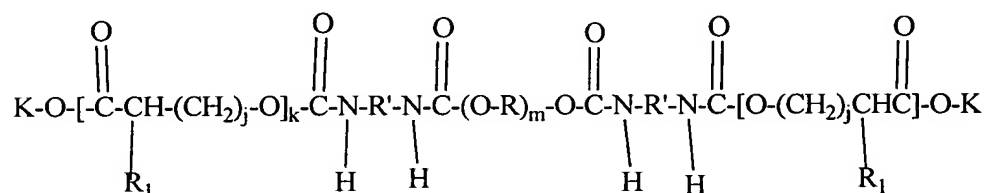
In the Claims:

Claims 93-100 remain pending in the present application without further amendment.

1-92. Cancelled.

Claims 93-100 were previously added:

93. (Previously submitted) A composition for use in reducing or preventing adhesions in a patient according to the structure:



where m and k are positive integers,

j is 0 to 4;

R₁ is H or CH₃;

R is ethylene, propylene or mixtures thereof;

R' is a C₂ to C₁₂ alkylene group, a cycloalkyl or cycloalkyl-containing group, an aryl or aryl-containing group, 4,4'-diphenylmethane, toluene, naphthalene, 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane, cyclohexyl, 3,3'-dimethylphenyl, 3,3'-dimethyl-diphenylmethane, 4,6'-xylylene, 3,5,5-trimethylcyclohexyl, 2,2,4-trimethylhexamethylene, p-phenylene or a poly(ethylene oxide) containing or poly(ethylene oxide) rich chain;
and K is a group derived from a compound which is unable to initiate ring opening polymerization of a starting lactone.

94. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 93 wherein K is a C₁ to

C₁₂ alkyl group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group or a substituted C₁ to C₁₂ alkyl group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, a C=C- containing group .

95. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 83 where K is methyl or ethyl.

96. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 93 wherein j is 0.

97. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 93 wherein R₁ is CH₃.

98. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 94 wherein R is exclusively ethylene.

99. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 94 wherein R' is a poly(ethylene oxide) rich chain.

100. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 93 wherein R' is a 2,2,4-hexamethylene group.